referred, *inter alia*, to the future power development plans in a broad perspective and to the setting up of gas-based power stations as a short-term option for meeting the power requirements. These observations had no bearing to information provided by bureaucrats etc.

(b) Gas-based power stations of an aggregate capacity of 898.5 MW are in operation at present, while projects of a capacity of about 1708 MW are under implementation. The execution of additional gas based power projects, as a short-term option for meeting the power demands, will depend on confirmation of the availability of gas for power generation and an assessment of the requirements in various parts of the country in the Eighth and Ninth Plan periods.

Foreign collaboration for the Manufacture and marketing of Mobile Telephones

3220. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign technical collaboration has been allowed for the manufacture and marketing of cellular mobile telephones; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Involvement of Indian Petrochemicals corporation for Running Union Carbide plant at Bombay

3221. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans under Government's consideration for running the Union Carbide plant at Bombay and also for implementing the Haldia Fertilizer Project with the help of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is expected to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have suggested the take over of the Chambur unit of UCIL and handing over its management to IPCL. The various implications of the proposal are under study.

There is no proposal to implement the Haldia Fertilizers project with the help of IPCL.

Equity shares of Videsh Sanchar Limited

3222. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Public sector undertaking, Videsh Sanchar Limited (VSL) has submitted a proposal to offer 49 per cent of equity shares to the Public;

(b) whether the equity shares so offered will be listed for trading in stock markets;

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposed offer; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the VSL has sought for revaluating its capital base?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No concrete proposal in this regard has been received from the Videsh Sanchar Nigam.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Refund of advance by M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Limited

3223. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Andhra Pradesh Schooters Limited have failed to refund the advance money collected from the prospective buyers of scooters;

(b) whether the financial condition of M/s. Andhra Pradesh Scooters Limited is in doldrums; and